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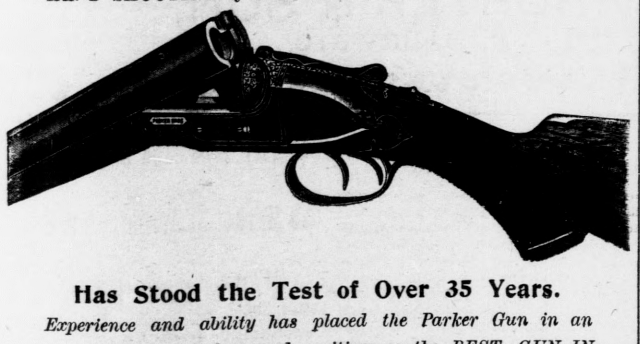

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SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

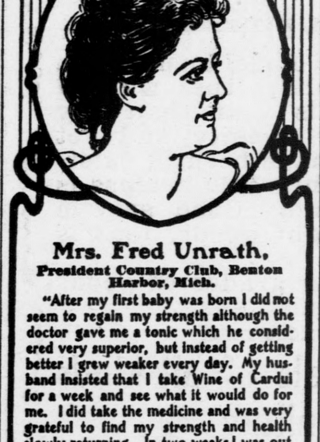
THE CHURCHES.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. C. T. Wyatt Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursdays at 7.30 p. m. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday evening of each month at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday morning class, 9.30, Louis Fennimore, leader. Tuesday night class, 7.30, the pastor. Wednesday night class, 7.30, A. G. Cox.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, J. Fletcher Deakyne, Supt. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young Peopel's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a. m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7.30 p. m. and on Friday at 3.30 p. m.; during summer months at 6.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 9.30 a. m., Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Friday of each month at 2.30 p. m. The rector conducts service in St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, every Sunday at 3 o'clock.



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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 27th, 1903.

A REMARKABLE and significant development in the political situation has occurred this week, one of the leading newspapers of the country and one that has always been regarded as strictly Republican, having published a series of articles attacking President Roosevelt and finally contrasting the President's administration with the presumptive conduct of ex-President Cleveland, to the credit of the later. The most significant feature of the situation, however, is the fact that the publication referred to its practically governed, in so far as its editorial policy is concerned, by Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan and the interests with which the financier is allied. At first blush some of the more timid souls in the Republican ranks were startled by these attacks on the President but when it became evident that their whole animus due to the President's action in connection with the Anthracite coal strike, his attitude towards organized labor and his enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law against the Northern Securities Company, even the timid ones took heart and concluded that opposition on such grounds could not but strengthen the President in the high estimation in which he is held by the people.

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A prominent member of the Senate who has the President's interests at heart said to your correspondent to-day: "The situation in a nutshell is this. The President has refused to be dictated to by the Wall Street interests; he has regarded it as his duty to protect the people from the greed of corporate wealth by enforcing the laws which the people, through their duly elected Congress, have placed on the statutes. He has recognized that the working man is a factor in the prosperity of the country and that the laborer is entitled to his hire. No arraignment of the President on those grounds can injure him. Mr. Roosevelt will not only be the next candidate of the Republican party but he will be elected by the largest majority ever given a presidential candidate. He is an honest, fearless, energetic man and that is precisely the type of man the people want in the White House. The effort to boom Mr. Cleveland at Mr. Roosevelt's expense, while surprising in a newspaper professedly Republican, is not surprising from the Wall Street standpoint, for Mr. Cleveland was always the friend of 'the street.' No, the friends of Mr. Roosevelt have nothing to fear from the attack to which you refer."

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Ex-Representative Mercer of Nebraska "blew into Washington" this week, to use his own words, and expressed himself in terms of the utmost enthusiasm regarding the President. He said "It is perfectly ridiculous to think or talk of any other candidate. The people of the West are for him to a man. He speaks their language, thinks their thoughts and pursues their methods. He is straight from the shoulder and that is what the western people love. Any man with half an eye for politics can see that Democrates and Republicans will outdo each other in getting to the polls to vote for him."

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The Post Office investigations during the past week have been the occasion of a remarkably sensational occurrence. Last March the President instructed the Postmaster General to demand the resignation of Judge Tyner, Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department, because of the grave irregularities charged to Judge Tyner's division in connection with the "get-rich-quick" concerns and the general and extensive use of the mails for fraudulent purposes. Judge Tyner has for sometime been in very poor health, having suffered from two strokes of paralysis and Mr. Payne permitted his resignation to take effect May 1st, thus affording him his salary for two months after his actual deposition. One day last week Mrs. Tyner entertained the office of her husband, admitted surreptitiously her sister and a safe expert and abstracted the entire contents of the safe designed to hold the confidential papers of the division. Postmaster General Payne, when apprised of the facts, immediately sent to the Judge demanding the papers which were refused. He then summarily dismissed Mr. Tyner. The matter has been referred to the Attorney General for further action.

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Some of the first evidences of the reforms to grow out of the establishment of a general staff for the army are already observable and many army officers are deeply exercised because of the curtailment of individual power which is foreshadowed. For instance, the administration of the vast appropriation for quartermasters stores, amounting to $6,000,000 this year, will be no longer left to the Quartermaster General but will devolve upon the staff. The Chief of Engineers is also likely to be superseded by the Staff in the selection of sites for coast defenses. The general command of the army, now vested in the "General Commanding" will, of course, pass to the staff and General S. B. M. Young, as chief of staff, will become the most influential man in the army.

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Immigration figures for the fiscal year, which will end in sixty days, promise to exceed those of all previous years, with the exception of 1882 when the aggregate reached 788,992 persons. For the nine months ending with last March the total was 464,425, as against 370,575 for the corresponding period of the previous year. In the nine months referred to, Italy took the lead in furnishing immigrants, the total being 129,800. Austria-Hungary came next with 123,234, and Russia next with 81,731, this including Finland. Germany sent over 23,482, Ireland, 16,930 England, 14,621 and India the smallest number, just 33 person.

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A TRIBUTE TO DAD

The editor of the Stevens County Reveille has got tired of hearing mother praised and neglected, and has scratched off a few lines of glowing tribute to dad. "We happened in a home the other night," he says, "and saw the legened worked in letters of red, 'What is home without a mother?' Across the room was another brief, 'God bless our home.'

"Now what's the matter with 'God bless our dad?', He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, grabs his dinner pail and wipes off the dew of the dawn with his boots while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly hand out of the butcher, the grocer, the milkman and baker, and his little pile is badly worn before he has been home an hour. He stands off the bailiff and keeps the rent paid up.

"If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs to find the burglar and kill him. Mother darns the socks, but dad bought the socks in the first place and the needles and yarn afterward. Mother does up the fruit. Well, dad bought it all, and jars and surgar cost like the mischief. Dad buys chickens for the Sunday dinner, carves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after every one else is served. What is home with a mother? Yes, that is all right, but what is home without a father? Ten chances to one it is a boarding house, father is under a slab and the landlady is the widow. Dad, here's to you; you've got your faults—you may have lots of 'em—but you,re all right, and we will miss you when you're gone."—*Kansas City Journal.*

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It takes money to voice the opinion of a lawyer.

The barber's idea of a miser is a man who shaves himself.

Speculators love dogs—at least they are fond of good pointers.

A woman's bravery always crops out when she has a mouse in a trap.

A woman's idea of a convenient flat is one that has three closets in each room.

If a fool possesses tact and assurance he will distance the wise guy who possesses neither.

A woman isn't necessarily fond of fiction because she listens patiently to her husband's excuses.

The gratification of a man's ambition is not always a record of well-doing.

The man who thinks his wife is blind to his faults is entitled to another think.

A man who spends more money than is prudent puts it down to a kindly disposition.

If you have never tried to make any one happy you have no idea what you have missed.

Love's touch is as light as a feather, but its blow can take the force of a sledge-hammer.

Some men who act the hog all their lives haven't anything to show for it except the ill-will of their neighbors.—*Chicago News.*

Principal Conventions to be Held in Various Portions of the United States for Which Special Rates will be in Effect via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

BALTIMORE, MD.—20th Triennial National Saengerfest of the Northeastern Saengerbund, June 15-20. Tickets on sale June 13th to 15th, good returning until June 22d, inclusive.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, July 21-23. Tickets on sale July 19th and 20th, good returning until July 25th, inclusive.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., September 21-26. Tickets on sale September 19th, 20th and 21st, good returning until September 28th inclusive.

BOSTON, MASS.—National Educational Association, July 6-10. Tickets on sale July 3d to 6th, good returning until July 12th, inclusive.

DENVER, COLO.—Christian Endeavor Society, July 9-13. Dates of sale announced later.

DETROIT, MICH.—Epworth League, International Convention. July 16-19. Tickets on sale July 14th and 15th, good returning until July 20th, inclusive.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., May 21-June 2d. Tickets on sale May 2d and 11th to 17th, good returning until July 15th, inclusive.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Dedication Ceremonies Louisiana Purchase Exposition, April 30-May 2d. Tickets on sale April 26th to 29th, good returning until May 4th, inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—National Association Master Plumbers of U. S. A., May 19-22. Tickets on sale May 2d and 11th to 17th, good returning until July 15th, inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Grand Army of the Republic, August 17-22. Tickets on sale August 4th to 13th, good returning until October 15th.

SARATOGA, N. Y.—Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Mystic Shrine, July 7-10. Tickets on sale July 6th and 7th, good returning until July 20th, inclusive.

REDUCED RATES TO ATLANTA

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the National Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held at Atlanta, Ga., May 6 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Atlanta from all stations on its lines, good going May 4 to 6, inclusive, and good to return to reach original starting point on or before May 16, at *reduced rates.*

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MARYLAND NOTES

Lavinia J. Bennett was appointed postmaster at Sharpstown Monday.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at North East will be dedicated on June 7th by Bishop C. C. McCabe.

The annual town election for Bailiff and Commissioners of Chesapeake City will be held on Monday next.

Major William A. Wright, of the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, is seriously ill with tpyhoid fever in Elkton.

Governor Smith will deliver the address to the members of this year's graduating class of Washington College, at Chestertown, in June.

Captain William B. Realey, who for years was captain of a fleet of boats between Elkton and Baltimore, is dangerously ill at his home in Elkton.

The work of dredging the channel of Elk River will soon be completed. A channel of 8 feet at mean low water has been cut from Elkton to Cedar Point.

Captain Andrew Woodall, of Georgetown has contracted for a power barge 110 feet long and 23 feet beam, with a capacity of 5000 bushels of grain, to be used for Baltimore and Eastern Shore trade.

Not satisfied with the Auditors' report of Kent County's financial condition, the Grand Jury at Chestertown on Saturday recommended the appointment of an expert to make an examination of the books.

Miss Lydia Woodrow, of Pleasant Hill Cecil County, who Sunday celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth, received a purse of money and numerous gifts from her friends and neighbors.

Rev. F. T. Little, of Baltimore, president of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, preached at Calvary M. P. Church, at Easton, Sunday. He was rector of the church for six years.

Ascension day will be observed this year by Chesapeake Commandery, No. 10. Masonic Knights Templar, who will attend service at Calvary M. P. Church, Rev. Dr. W. R. Graham, pastor of the church, will preach the sermon.

BRIDEGROOM INJURED

The marriage of Miss Eva Collins, daughter of Mayor Collins, of Delaware City, to George C. Smith, of No. 410 Madison street, Wilmington, was prevented by a trolley car on the New Castle and Delaware City line that jumped the track Monday night and injured the bridegroom.

The guests had assembled when the bridegroom was brought to the house and placed in bed. The happy scene took on an air of gloom and instead of congratulations the guests gave sympathy. The bride in her wedding gown became a nurse and is still attending the injured man, who will get married as soon as he is able. This is the second time the marriage has been postponed. The couple were to have been married about two weeks ago, but the flood, which cut off all communications with Delaware City prevented it.

Monday night the car left the track just before Delaware City was reached and was running at such a rate of speed that it did not take up until it struck a trolley pole.

Others injured in the wreck were Edward E. Eagle, the motorman, New Castle; William Lewis and Mrs. Mary Kern, wife of the commissary sergeant at Fort duPont. None are seriously hurt except Smith and Eagle.

DELAWARE NATIONAL GUARD

The First Regiment, National Guard of Delaware, is to be enlarged. On Monday, May 4th, a new company will be mustered in at Newark. It will be known as Company E. Lieutenant-Colonel Stevenson will muster in the new company, and will hold the election for officers.

In accordance with an act passed by the last Congress, an inspection of the National Guard will be made by a United States army officer. The Delaware companies will be inspected by Major W. B. Homer as follows: May 11th, the band and Companies A, C, F, and K, at the Armory, and May 12th, Company H, of New Castle; May 13th, Company B, of Milford, and May 14th, Company G, of Bridgeville.

Charles E. Lane, Sr., has been appointed hospital steward, to fill an original vacancy.

REDUCED RATES TO NEW ORLEANS

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association at New Orleans, La., May 5 to 8, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its lines to New Orleans, on May 1, 2, and 3, good going on those dates and good to return reaching original starting point not later than ten days from date of sale, at reduced rates. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent at New Orleans between May 1 and 12, and payment of fifty cents, an extension of final return limit to May 30 may be obtained.

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DELAWARE NOTES

The public bath house on the Brandywine will be opened on Memorial day.

Norris L. Pike, a former policeman, was striken with paralysis at his home in Wilmington Monday.

Maxmillian A. Laubacher, aged 11, of No. 810 Wright street, Wilmington, was drowned while fishing in Mill Creek, near Wilmington, Sunday.

So many new members have been taken into the Wilmington Board of Trade that they outnumber the old, and the officers may resign in order to have another election.

The Sunday Breakfast Mission of Wilmington and the Carpenters' Brotherhood attended memorial services Sunday in Olivet Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, in honor of John Magill, member of both organizations, who recently died and was buried at sea on his way home from Europe.

Several sunken obstructions in the Delaware River between New Castle and Finn's Point jetty have caused much trouble and loss to the shad fishermen, and a request has been forwarded to the Government engineers and the Delaware Pilots' Association for their removal. One obstruction has caused the destruction of nets to the value of about $200.

The three Commissions appointed at the last session of the Legislature—George Whitfield, Robert McFarlin and Paul Gills—are preparing to pay off an indebtedness of $7000 contracted several years ago by the Road Commissioners of New Castle County, and for which no provision had been made. The creditors are poor men, who worked for several months repairing roads.

LAST OF THE SEASON

THREE-DAY TOUR TO WASHINGTON

The last Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-Conducted Tour to Washington of the present season leaves Thursday, May 14. Rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip, hotel accommodations, and transfer of passenger and baggage, station to hotel in Washington, $14.50 from New York, $13.00 from Trenton, $11.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points. These rates cover accommodations for two days at the Arlington, Normandie, Riggs, Ebbitt, Shoreham, Cochran, Gordon, Barton, or Hamilton Hotels. For accommodations at Regent, Metropolitan, National, or Colonial Hotels, $2.50 less. Special side trip to Mount Vernon.

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NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of New Castle held its sixty-sixth stated meeting at Manokin Church, Princess Anne, last week. Rev. J. B. North, of Snow Hill, was elected Moderator for the next six months. Rev. J. B. Milligan, D. D., of St. George's was continued as Stated Clerk, Rev. S. L. Irvine, J. E. Esline, with Revs. S. S. Reigant and K. M. Bull as alternates were elected Ministerial and W. O. Lankford, of Somerset county, with E. W. Tunnell and David Stewart as alternates, lay representatives to the General Assembly, of the church at Los Angeles, Cal., on May 21st. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Christiana, Del., on May 19th.

At the session just closed, series of resolutions, similar to those passed by the recent Wilmington M. E. Conference, denouncing bribery at elections was introduced which Rev. John McElmoye, of Elkton, sought to have modified. The resolutions were finally left unacted upon. It is stated the matter will be brought up again at the next meeting of the Presbytery, when the body will be urged to have a record vote upon the subject.

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On account of the Dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, April 30th to May 2d and the National Good Roads Convention, April 27th to May 2d the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell round trip tickets April 26th to 29th, good to return until May 4th at rate of $21.25. Call on ticket agents Market street or Delaware Avenue Station, or write to H. A. Miller, T. P. A., Wilmington, Del., for detailed information.

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THE WILMINGTON ELECTION

History has repeated itself. Last summer Mr. Addicks forced the Union Republican State Convention to nominate William Michael Byrne as its candidate for Congress against the wishes of the delegates and all the leaders of that party. Last Monday night, he forced the Union Republican First District Committee to reject the proposal of the Republican First District Committee for joint primaries to nominate candidates to be voted for at the city election in June. And he further announced that if the voters at the Union Republican Primary to be held on May 12th, did not select proper candidates, he himself would make the necessary changes in the ticket. Such a bold assumption of ownership has never before been made in Delaware, and it would seem that this ought to be enough to turn hundreds away from such leadership or dictatorship.

Mr. Addicks had a possible excuse for his action last summer in the State Convention, because the candidate for Representative nominated by the Convention had to run all over the State and Mr. Addicks had to vote for him. And it would be a strange state of affairs if the owner of a party were placed in the position of having to split his ticket. But in reference to the municipal ticket, no such excuse is offered or could be accepted. Mr. Addicks is in no personal way interested in the city election. He lives outside the city and should be willing to let the voters of the city attend to their own affairs.

The result will be the election of a Democratic Mayor and Council and the continuance of the same gross mismanagement of the city's affairs that have characterized the past. We do not think that all Democrats are dishonest nor a majority of them, but the control of the organization of their party in Wilmington has fallen into the hands of the wild, irresponsible element and it will make the nominations.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR

At the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Poor held on Wednesday the gratifying announcement was made that in spite of the increased cost of coal and other supplies, and the treatment of 270 cases by the Emergency Hospital, that the Trustees would not be under the necessity, as has happened too frequently in the past, of asking for an extra appropriation from the Levy Court. This comes as the result of Republican management, there having been a Republican majority in the Board for the first time since 1894, and a Republican Superintendent. It may be only a co-incidence, but it has always happened in the State, as in the nation, that a few years of Democratic rule, brings debts and troubles to the community. The Democrats have, or profess to have, a horror of a high tax rate and believe in borrowing money with which to pay expenses. As a consequence when the Republicans succeed to the control, they find a big floating debt and no other resource than an increased tax rate. This has been shown in St. Georges Hundred, in the city of Wilmington, and in New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties. The result has always been that the second or third year of Republican control finds the debts paid, the taxes reduced and money in bank. And, it is not rccomplished at the expense of public improvements, for Republicans are always in favor of judicious spending of money. But the result is achieved by a close and careful collection and expenditure of money.

GOOD ROADS

A meeting was held in Odessa on Tuesday evening to discuss the question of good roods. We understand from those who were present that the sense of the meeting was that St. Georges Hundred should have a part of the good roads appropriation. With this sentiment we are in hearty accord, but we do not wholly agree with the proposition that the road from Odessa to Middletown is the ideal one on which to try the experiment. As was stated last week THE TRANSCRIPT is in favor of adopting a plan of road improvement which will in a series of years give the county and State one continuous good road from the northern to the southern boundary, and we are opposed to any sort of piecemeal building of the roads. Personally, we would be pleased to see the road between the two towns placed in first-class condition, but until the amount to be expended is largely increased we cando naught but stand for "good roads upon a well defined plan.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR.

The quarterly meeting and annual election of the board of trustees of the poor was held at the County Hospital Wednesday. Contracts for supplies for May and June were awarded. The subject of fire protection received consideration. With economy, the board hopes to close its fiscal year in June without having to call on the Levy Court for any more money.

The members present were Drs. Henry and Ball and Messrs. Beith, Knotts, Harris, Clark, McFarlin, Polk, Sterling, Rice, Fraim, Roberts, Turner, and Parker. Others present included Levy Court Commissioners Chandler, Willits, Mealey, Armstrong, Megginson and Hopkins; Register in Chancery Joseph C. Jolls, and former Poor Trustee M. D. Murphey.

Officers Elected

The meeting was organized by calling George R. Roberts to the chair, Joseph C. Parker acting as secretary. The following nominations were made by a committee and all the persons were unanimously elected:

President—Dr. Columbus Henry.

Secretary and financial secretary, Joseph C. Parker.

Superintendent, B. Frank Blackburn.

Matron, Mrs. B. Frank Blackburn.

Assistant matron, Miss Clara Blackburn.

County physician, Dr. H. W. Briggs.

Coroner's physician, Dr. J. W. Bastain.

Attorney, James W. Lattomus.

Nurses, D. B. Ferris and Miss Minnie O'Hanlon.

Peter Waters was elected fireman and John Blaisdell engineer.

Isaac M. Davis and Henry Blackburn were nominated for farmer.

Ex-Senator McFarlin, chairman of the farm committee, claimed that the board left the selection to the chairman of the committee and the superintendent, who favored Blackburn. But Secretary Parker said that applied only to a year ago. Other members agreed with Mr. McFarlin that in a caucus the matter was left to the farm committee.

Chairman Roberts held that a caucus could not bind the board in case any member desired to make another nomination. It was decided to vote on both men. Levy Court Commissioner Willits spoke in favor of Mr. Davis.

The first ballot stood 7 to 7, and the second ballot stood: Blackburn, 9; Davis, 4; and Turner, 1. The latter is a member of the board. Blackburn succeeds William Huffiington.

Then the meeting for organization adjourned and Dr. Henry took the chair and thanked the board for re-electing him. He said he would try to treat all fairy and squarely, and members said he has done that.

Contracts Awarded

The contracts for furnishing supplies to the hospital were awarded as follows: Charles P. Harvey, tobacco; J. J. Schrade, bread; Odessa Creamery, butter; John M. Solomon coal; M. Matthes, beef and mutton; M. Monaghan, shoes and slippers; S. P. McKeever, drugs; William B. Sharp & Co., dry goods; William E. Frank, groceries.

The question of joining with the trustees of the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane for fire protection was discussed. The members of the board paid a visit to the lake on the State Hospital grounds, and upon their return, Mr. Fraim and Mr. Rice spoke strongly against its use. A committee, however, comprising Dr. Henry, Messrs. Roberts and Clark and Dr. Ball were named to confer with the trustees of the State institution with regard to the matter.

John M. Hance was given the contract to rebuild the barn at the institution for $630. Other bidders were: The A. S. Reed and Sons Company, and W. H. Greenwait.

"DON'T HANG THAT MAN"

"Don't hang that man Green. Don't hang him. I commute him. I'll send the necessary papers at once." These words spoken through the phone by Governor Smith to the sheriff of Talbot county at Easton, Friday morning, saved the neck of Lewis Green, the confessed murderer of Carrie Price. All arrangements for the execution had been made, and at 10 o'clock Green was to have been placed on the scaffold and hanged. Sheriff Mortimer at first had arranged for the hanging to take place at dawn Friday morning so as to avoid the crowd, but Green, through the advice of his sister, requested the sheriff to put it off until 10 o'clock, which was done. Green was prepared and ready to die. He had made all arrangements for his funeral and had requested that his body be given to his relatives instead of being buried in the Potter's field.

Green, when the message came, giving him his life, was praying, and when told what Governor Smith said, could scarcely realize it as true. He expressed great thanks to Governor Smith and those who had sought his sentence being commutted. The sentence was changed to life imprisonment in the Maryland Penitentiary.

DELAWARE CITY

Rev. O. E. Jones is at Betterton.

Julian Reeves, of Detroit, is in town.

Mr. Mitchell, of Baltimore, is visiting here.

William Reeves, of New York, is in town.

Dr. Irwin Sheppard, of Tennessee, has been visiting here.

Arthur Cloak, of Havre de Grace, is the guest of John Keane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ubil, of Philadelphia, have been visiting here.

Miss Gertrude Hutchinson, of Wilmington, is visiting here.

Mrs. Stahl and Misses Elizabeth and Mary Stahl are at Lawrenceville.

Miss Martha Janvier is entertaining Miss Ada Pennington, of Philadelphia.

A valuable rabbit dog, owned by William Hagan was shot Wednesday, as it had bitten 15 or 20 other dogs and was supposed to be mad. The head was sent to Delaware College for examination.

That the fishing industry in Delaware City resembles the fruit crop in Southern Delaware, there is no doubt. When it is successful the people have plenty. When it fails they are some time in recovering from it. There is no danger of the people of the little village along the Delaware suffering this year, as the fish are coming in here by the thousands, and are being caught by the men engaged in the business in larger quantities than ever before in the history of the place. From early morning until late at night the men are busy gathering in the sleek herring and finny shad, and, indeed, in some instances, all night. They believe in making money while the fish run. The indu try has been growing with each year, but never before in the history of the little riverside hamlet have so many men and boats been engaged as this season, and indications point that the season will be more profitable than ever before.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Mrs. John F. Ernest visited Middletown on Tuesday.

Quite a number from here attended court in Chestertown.

The cemeteries are being put in condition for Memorial Day.

Alexander T. Laws is on the jury at Chestertown this week.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross is shipping some very fine asparagus.

Mr. James Clothier, of Odessa, was the guest of Sassafras friends on Tuesday.

Mrs. Rachel Stradley and Mrs. Frank Sylvester visited Middletown on Tuesday.

The Ladies' cornet band, of Betterton, was organized with Prof. Godwin as leader.

The diocese of Easton will hold their annual convention in Chestertown early in June.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shallcross and Alexander T. Laws left for Chestertown on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander T. Laws visited relatives and friends in lower Kent Sunday last.

Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick was entertained on Wednesday by her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest.

The Queen Anne's Railroad Company commenced Sunday excursions to Love Point on Sunday last.

Queenstown will be the next place selected for the State encampment of the Maryland National Guards.

Mrs. Robert Johnston is somewhat improved, she is still at her sisters, Mrs. A. P. Emerson, in Fairlee, Md.

The recent heavy rains practically destroyed Woodland Beach, a resort on the Delaware Bay, near Smyrna.

Foreign laborers in large numbers are arriving at Rising Sun to work in the Field Spar quarries near that town.

Mrs. Caroline Johns and daughter, Miss Emma, are entertaining Mrs. R. Duff, and daughter, of Newport, Del.

Spring chickens are high. Mrs. Jones, of Lynches, sold some last Friday for $1 each and they weighed from 1 to 4 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, of Sassafras, were entertained last week by her brother, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Staats near Fairlee, Md.

Asparagus growers are cutting their crops every other day. Owing to the bad weather of last week it has backened them somewhat.

Rev. Kent M. Bull, of Kennedyville, attended the meeting of the New Castle Presbytery last week which was held at Princess Anne, Md.

Shad are coming in with a rush. Some fishermen have landed from 150 to 200 in two tides. The result is a drop in prices from $35 to $20 a hundred.

The musical and supper in the town hall under the auspices of the Jr. O. U. A. M. was a success both financially and socially. The ladies surely do deserve the greatest credit.

Captain Andrew Woodall, of Georgetown, has contracted for a power barge 110 feet long and 23 feet beam, with a capacity of 5,000 bushels of grain, to be used for Baltimore and Eastern Shore trade.

A reception was tendered Rev. W. T. Litsinger and family at the parsonage in Warwick of the Mt. Oliver M. P. Church by the congregation of the Sassafras and Warwick members on Friday evening last. They joined and made a most royal donation to their new pastor.

The "Daughters of America," of Chestertown, held a supper in Stam's Hall, Wednesday evening last, which was enjoyed by over a hundred persons. The menu consisted of everything that was in season, and was served in elegant style. The society cleared about $18.

Amid beautiful decorations that bespoke welcome to his new charge, Rev. W. T. Litsinger was made pastor of the Rehoboth M. P. Church here on Sunday morning. It was indeed an ideal day. He preached a beautiful sermom, his subject was "Motive of Life," and his large congregation was delighted with his fine discourse and pleasant voice.

CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Miss Elizabeth Cooling has been spending several days in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Howard is visiting Miss Carrie Boulden, in Baltimore.

Miss Mary G. Steel is spending sometime with Philadelphia friends.

Miss Kay Price and Miss May Boulden visited Wilmington last Monday.

Mr. G. S. Wooley left here on Sunday for a short trip to St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Price.

Mrs. William Borem and son George spent Monday with Mrs. I. G. Griffith.

Frank Griffith visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Griffith, several days.

Miss Alice Settle spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Settle, of Leeds.

Bohemia Lodge attended divine services at Bethel M. E. Church, on Sunday morning.

Edward Carter, of Elkton, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter, last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Foard and Miss Mollie are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foard.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flintham, of Middle Neck, visited Mrs. Rebecca Harriott on Sunday.

The annual town election was held on Monday, in the store room adjoining William Hudson.

Mrs. W. H. Jones, of St. Augustine, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Bristow spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Manlove, of Sassafras Neck.

The West Nottingham ball team will cross batts with our ball team on Saturday afternoon, 15 cents admission.

Mr. Harry Morgan and Miss Emma Morgan visited Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, of Sassafras Neck, last Sunday.

Mrs. I. G. Griffith, Jr. and daughter and Mrs. H. V. Manlove and daughter visited Mrs. W. A. Stubs last Tuesday.

Shawmut Tribe of Red Men will attend divine services in a body on Sunday morning, 10th, at St. Rosa's Roman Catholic Church.

Our town ball team played a game with the Elkton team on Friday afternoon, the result being 15 to 5 in favor of the home team.

The opening invitation dance will be given at Spa Spring Park, on Monday evening, May 11th. Dancing at 3 o'clock. The members of the committee are Dr. Delmer Smithers, Messrs. John Banks, Harry Howard and J. Groome Steele.

Each year at our High School a prize of $1 is given to the students of the four classes presensing the best original composition on an assigned subject connected with Maryland History. The Judges are now working on the compositions and the prize winners will be announced later.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Mrs. Porter Lusby is visiting relatives in Philadelphia this week.

T. Bayard Vinyard spent Sunday with his uncle, John Stephens.

William Taylor is spending a few days with relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Charles Jarvis is spending a few days with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Edith Alderson is spending a few days this week with relatives in town.

Mr. Enoch Richards, of Smyrna, was entertained on Friday by Fred Hoover.

Miss Henrietta Oldham is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Naylor Davis.

Miss Myrtle Templeman entertained Miss Frances Griffith on Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. George and Eugene Thornton, of Chesapeake City, spent Tuesday with friends in town.

Mrs. Joseph Jarrell and daughter, of Viola, are spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. S. P. Hoover.

Thomes Jones has returned to his position in Lewes, after spending the past week with his family in town.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Miss Hattie Gray has returned to Elkton after spending a week with her father here.

Master Maurice Buckworth is the guest of Philadelphia relatives.

Miss Martha Biddle, of Elkton, is being entertained by friends here.

Miss Mattie Cleaver is visiting Philadelphia relatives.

A box social will be held in the parsonage of Bethel M. E. Church on Thursday evening, May 7th. All are invited to be present.

House cleaning is the order of the day.

Young ladies you should not retire so early, for by so doing you are liable to miss a grand surprise.

Fined Former Sheriff

After failing to respond to a subpoena which had been served upon them, ex-Sheriff James C. Robinson, of Kent county, and John Faulkner, both prominent Smyrna men, appeared in court Wednesday. Chief Justice Lore imposed a fine of $10 and costs on the former Sheriff, while Faulkner was let off with the costs of the attachment. The case was that of the State against Robert Jackson for the larceny of some grape poles.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mr. J. S. Merritt, of Golts, spent Sunday in town.

Junior Endeavor prayer meeting tomorrow at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mrs. Amos Wilson is sojourning at Delaware City at this writing.

Miss Bessie N. Gunkle will spend her vacation in Denver and Eaton, Col.

Mrs. Letetia Smith has returned home after a short stay with Delaware relatives.

Mr. Amos Wilson and Mr. John M. Holden were Delaware City visitors Sunday.

Madam Rumor says those wedding bells will chime in Warwick in the near future.

Messrs. H. C. Aiken and James M. Price were Delaware City visitors last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manlove, of Cecilton, were the guests of M. S. Manlove Sunday.

Preaching Sunday morning at 10.30 A. M., all are invited. Senior Endeavor at 7.30 P. M.

The Rev. Father Charles P. McGoldric spent a few days of last week in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Mary Jackson, of Wilmington, was entertained at the home of Mrs. R. B. Merritt during the past week.

Miss Mamie Spear, accompanied by her brother Edward, were the guests of Mrs. Samuel Wilson last Sunday.

Mr. Harry Manlove, of Middletown, and Mr. Edward Armstrong, of Odessa, spent Sunday with Mrs. B. S. Hall.

Quite a few from town attended the public sale of Mr. W. N. Aiken at the Howard House, Elkton, last Tuesday.

Mrs. John H. R. Price accompanied by Miss Dora Price, of Middletown, were entertained at the home of Mrs. Sallie Gunkle last Sunday.

Bank Stock Sold

Thirty-one shares of the stock of the National Bank, of Smyrna, per value $50, were sold on Thursday. Of the fouteen shares belonging to the estate of J. G. Brinton, deceased, John VanGasken bought eitht shares at $75,60 and Charles Ross secured the remaining six shares at the same figures—$75.60. George W. Turner disposed of 19 shares as follows: Ten shares to W. Denney Hazel at $74.60 and nine shares to C. P. Gears at $74.30.

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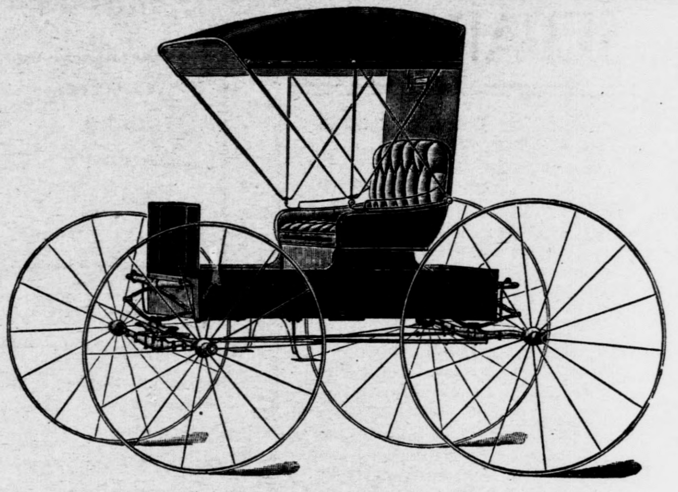

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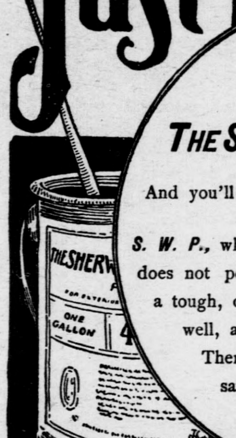

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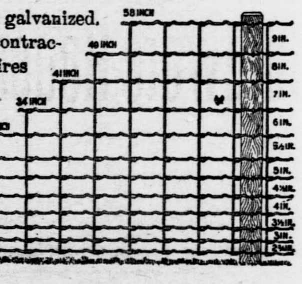

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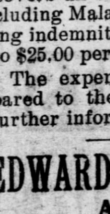

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A splendid lot of Red Cedar Posts for wire fence at right price.
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All New Idea Patterns 10 cents each. Not exchangeable.
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FOR SALE.—125 bushels of Seed Potatoes. Fine quality, 80 cents per bushel, at E. F. INGRAM'S.

The Buck Dramatic Club of Summit Bridge, will give a minstrel show in Masonic Hall, Chesapeake City, Md., to-night.

According to the latest estimates the peach crop will be light, and the strawberry yield will fall considerably short of normal.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church have decided to hold a strawberry festival, the first of the season, in the Opera House on Wednesday evening, May 6th. All are cordially invited to attend.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 23d: Miss Rosa Ridgeoay, William Black, Harry E. Brown, Harry L. Brevoor, Daniel Clayton, Henry Clayton, W. H. Dodson.

The Guild of St. Anne's Church will hold a rummage sale this (Saturday) afternoon and evening in the vacant dwelling adjoining Mr. John C. Green's blacksmith shop, on East Main street. Cakes, pies, biscuits, etc., will also be on sale. All are invited.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, will preach to-morrow, both morning and evening. At 10.30 the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Evening subject, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Rev. R. W. Cochran left a few stocks of wheat at our office on Tuesday which measures 24 inches. While wheat is looking fine in all sections this Spring this is the largest we have seen. The wheat is from Mr. Cochran's farm tenanted by his son, Mr. Jacob S. Cochran.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Confidence in God." 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 1 Tim. 6:17; 2 Tim. 1:12. Leader, Dr. C. A. Ritchie.

The articles stolen from the carriage of Mr. Harry Brady about two weeks ago have been returned. Mr. Brady found them lying in his lawn early Monday morning where they had been put during the night. The thief had evidentally been frightened, and decided to return the asticles to their owner.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "What does the parable of the prodigal son teach us?" Luke 15:11-32. Dr. G. B. Pearson, leader.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the M. E. Church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the residence of the Secretay, Mrs. J. W. Barnett, on Monday evening next, at 7.30 o'clock. Important business will be before the meeting, including the election of officers, and a full attendance is requested.

Owing to the illness of my wife I have decided to discontinue the grocery business on East Main street, and offer my entire stock of groceries and fixtures at private sale. The store is also for rent, with or without the dwelling. Possession given immediately. Apply to
A. R. REED.

Mr. Alfred G. Cox entertained the members of his class at his home on Green Street Wednesday evening, and the 50 or more guests present spent a most delightful evening. Vocal and instrumental music, and addressed by Mr. Cox and the Rev. C. T. Wyatt D. D., were the principal features of the evening's program. About ten o'clock the guests were invited to the dining-room where refreshments were served and greatly enjoyed after which they departed for their homes.

Mr. Walter S. Beasten, Deputy Clerk of the Orphans Court is indeed a very busy man these days. We are reliably(?) informed by one of the Court House officers, that during the present week he has opened up a matrimonial bureau in connection with his other duties and is doing a flourishing business with those contemplating matrimony. Now THE TRANSCRIPT can recommend Mr. Beasten as being especially well fitted for his new field of labor, and if any of his friends in old St. Georges hundred are thinking of joining the ranks of the benedicts, they will not make any mistake in taking Mr. Beasten into their confidence, as all business is strictly confidential.

The entertainment given in the Opera House Tuesday evening by Prof. W. Ward Beam and his class of 20 athletes was both interesting and instructive, and demonstrated to the satisfaction of those present the many benefits derived from physical culture. The young men in their jumping, wrestling, boxing and other exercises were almost perfect, and all their work was a credit to their instructor, and should they decide to return to our town in the near future and give another exhibition, we hope our people will show their appreciation by turning out and filling the Opera House. Prof. Beam give a very interesting talk on "Physical Culture" and its many advantages to youngmen.

TROLLEY ROAD SURVEYED

The Light and Water Commission Will Furnish Power

Now that the road bed for the Odessa and Middletown trolley has been surveyed, and the Tennis Construction Company, of Philadelphia, has about completed arrangements with the Light and Water Commissioners of this town to furnish them with power, the outlook for this much talked of improvement is most encouraging. Mr. Tennis, President of the above named company was in town on Wednesday and we are informed was well pleased with the outlook for the road being in opperation in a short time.

If a trolley road is put in opperation between Middletown and Odessa, it will not be many months before it will connect with the New Castle and Delaware City line, which would be a great convenience to the people of rural New Castle County, and especially for those towns that are located several miles from a railroad station. Mr. William R. Polk who has devoted much time to the project, has been in town during the week, and is highly elated with the progress being made.

GOOD ROADS MEETING

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Town Hall in Odessa on Tuesday evening by the voters and tax-payers of the lower hundreds of the county, in the interest of good roads under the provisions of the law recently passed by the Legislarure. An organization was effected by electing Mr. John C. Corbit president and George L. Townsend, secretary.

On motion the chair was requested to appoint a committee to visit the Levy Court on Tuesday, May 5th, to request said body to grant us an appropriation to be expended in the lower part of the county as an object lesson, thereby insuring better roads in the near future. The president appointed the following, with a request that they be authorized and requested to invite as many tax-payers as can conviently join them in their visit to the court on the above named date: George L. Townsend, Alexander P. Corbit, Elias N. Moore, L. V. Aspril, Jr., Daniel M. Cochran, Dr. Cecil Green, Fred Brady, G. E. Hukill, Henry Cleaver, Frank J. Penington, James R. Hoffecker, Daniel W. Corbit, Clarence E. Pool and James T. Shallcross.

Petitions are being circulated for the purpose above mentioned.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church has elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: President, Mrs. Ella Pennington; Vice-President, Miss Susie Ellison; Recording Secretary, George Kelley, Jr.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Rothwell; Treasurer, Miss Mary Nowland; Organist, Miss Myrtle Houston; Assistant Organist, Miss Maud Deakyne, Lookout Committee.—Mrs. Ella Pennington, J. F. Deakyne, Misses Susie Ellison, May Holten and Mary Nowland. Prayer Meeting Committee.—Misses Annie Ellison, Mary Beasten, Mrs. J. C. Stites and Dr. G. B. Pearson. Social Committee.—Misses Mary Rothwell and Mary Maxwell, John Armstrong, George Kelley, Jr., Mrs. Ella Pennington, H. D. Howell and Douglas Lockwood. Sunday School Committee.—Dr. G. B. Pearson, Misses Bessie Anderson, Viola Ennis, Martha Heaton and Bernice Metten, and William Armstrong. Missionary Committee.—Misses Myrtle Houston, Elizabeth Hall, Viola Ennis, Annie Ellison, Florence Kelley and Mrs. A. M. Brown. Floral Committee.—Mrs. G. B. Pearson, Misses Mary Lewis, Ethel Rowe, Jean Metten and Maude Deakyne.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

Mount Salem M. E. Church was the mecca of the temperance women of New Castle county Thursday, and the sixteenth annual convention was marked with a spirit of harmony, enthusiasm and earnestness. The pretty little church was in gala attire for the occasion. The rear of the pulpit was draped with a large American flag, some smaller ones and some branches of fragrant dogwood. The front of the pulpit was banked with the dogwood and potted plants. A picture of Miss Willard occupied a prominent place.

Each delegate was presented with a small American flag and whenever anything was said or done that was encouraging there was an energetic waving of the emblems which gave a certain picturesqueness to the scene. Nearly 120 delegates were present up to noon. The local union was represented by Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, Mrs. Mary L. Cox and Mrs. Enoch G. Allee.

MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Hawkins of the Winchester Arms Co., who is an expert trap shot, gave an exhibition to a few of the members and spectators on Friday afternoon at breaking flying targets. How well he succeeded the following scores will show.

The Middletown Shooting Association is just installing a battery of expert traps, and now has an equipment superior to any shooting organization in the State.

EVENT No.	1	2	3	4	5	SHOT AT	BROKE	PER.
Targets	10	10	10	10	10			
Hawkins..	9	10	9	10	10	50	48	.960
Barnard...	8	10	9	8	8	50	43	.860
Massey.....	5	7	9	9	8	50	38	.760
Steele......				7	7	20	14	.700
Pearson...	3	6	7	7	7	50	30	.600
Kates......	6	4	4			30	14	.467

Found Dead in Office

Dr. Harris Lee Paige, 45 years old, was found dead in his office in the Priscilla block at Dover on Thursday. Dr. P. S. Downes, who chanced in to visit him at noon found the physician apparently asleep, but soon discovered that he was dead. He immediately called in Drs. Edwin F. Anderson and Charles M. Wharton. Dr. Paige was on the street about 10 o'clock. The deceased was 45 years old. He was a graduate of Jefferson College. He formerly lived in Milford and was adjutant of the First Delaware Infantry, under Colonel Marshall.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. and Mrs. William Sirman and son were in Washington Monday.

Mr. Alexander Walmsley, of Philadelphia, was in town Saturday.

Mr. John E. Ginn is visiting friends in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mr. Abram Staats, of Taylor's Bridge, paid our office a pleasant call Friday.

Mr. James Moore, of Millington, Md., visited friends in Middletown Sunday.

Miss Alexina French who spent the winter with her brother in Chicago, has returned home.

Miss Adelaide M. Johnson is the guest of friends and relatives in the city of Brotherly Love.

Mrs. Horace Vasey and two children, of Centreville, Md., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gears.

Mrs. C. P. Gears and Miss Elizabeth Lattomus, of Smyrna, attended the Massey-Smith wedding on Thursday.

Mrs. Liston Townsend and children, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ginn.

Mrs. J. M. Arthurs and daughter, Mrs. Frank Virden, of Kenton, spent several days of this week with Mrs. M. B. Burris.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, of the State Hospital, spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hurn and Mrs. John Armstrong and daughter, little Miss Marion, visited friends in Wilmington Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Massey and Misses Jessie Culbertson and Cerrie West, of Wilmington, attended the Massey-Smith wedding Thursday.

Miss E. May Conner who was called home last week owing to the illness of her mother has returned to Wilmington, Mrs. Conner being much improved in health.

Mr. Edward M. Vaughan is spending this week with relatives in town. Mr. Vaughan will spend the summer in Atlantic City, where he has secured a position, and in the fall will return to Jefferson College to resume his studies.

ODESSA NOTES

Miss Lidie Fox was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Mrs. William Huffington who has been quite ill is much improved.

Mrs. Brice, of Camden, N. J., is the guest of Mrs. Joseph M. Armstrong.

Miss Grace Vinyard and Mr. Walter spent Sunday with friends near Newark.

Mrs. William Schillinger, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. William Eccles part of last week.

Miss Georgia C. Enos, of Wilmington, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Enos.

Mrs. G. L. Townsend has returned after an extended visit to Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Hahn visited her son-in-law, James H. S. Gam, at St. Georges, part of last week.

Mr. Porter Walker, of Wilmington, is visiting his parents, Mr. V. H. Walker and wife near town.

Mrs. J. M. Arters has returned home after spending four weeks with her parents at Dillsburg, Pa.

Mrs. F. William Curtis and children have returned to Newark after spending a week with her parents.

Mrs. George Carson Boyd and daughter, of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. William Tucker and wife.

Mr. Stanley Stevens and friend, Miss Aker, of Delaware City, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Mrs. Townsend returned to her home in Wilmington on Monday after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. George Buckson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rose entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb, of Delaware City, Miss Seek, of New Jersey, and Miss Katie Hutchins, of Townsend.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have attained the average of 90 per cent. or better for the month of April:

DEPARTMENT No. 1.—Prof. W. J. Bickett, 1st grade, 11th year—Elsie Jones, Susie Foard. 2d grade, 10th year—Maud Deakyne, Emma Kelley, Lillian Solway, May Kumple, Grover Bendler, George Allee, Harold Dawson. 3d grade, 9th year—Esther Davis Helen Davis, Josephine Cochran, Ernest Sirman, Harvey Voshell, Victor Jones, McIntire Eliason.

DEPARTMENT No. 2.—Miss Howell, 1st grade, 8th year—Emily Allee, Lillian Walker, Helen Rowe, Susan Arthurs, Isaac Gibbs, Ida Armstrong. 2d grade, 7th year—Daisy Bendler, Lydia Dockety, Alice Dawson, Reece Darlington, Florence Blome, Jeanne Metten, Mary Beaston, Ada Scott.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Mrs. Ida McCrone, 1st grade, 6th year—Joseph Walker, Iola Beuhm, Blanche Deakyne, Mary Richards, William Whitlock, Warner Taylor. 2d grade, 5th year—Estella Beaston, Elsie Boulden, Pierce Donovan, Annie Shallcross, Bertha Jones, Edith Jones, Norman Gill.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.—Miss Maxwell, 1st grade, 4th year—George Hukill, Nellie Pyle, Lola Carroll, Bertha Whitlock, Leah Berkman, Lena Weber, Elma Deakyne, Alfred Connellee. 2d grade, 3d year—Charlie Smith, Rupert Burstan, John Hoffecker, Lola Ingram, Rubie Whitlock, Della Muehlberg, Ida Jones, Reuben Alper, Viola Weber, Maud Taylor.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.—1st grade, 2d year—Estelle Johnson, Irene Reed, Hannah Kirke, Jennie Gallagher, Herbert Pyle, Delbert Gallagher, William Eliason, Eugene Ahern, George Edwards. 2d grade, 1st year—Beulah Jones, May Edwards, Lily Scott, Burton Hall, Medford Johnson, Carl Jones, Theodore Whitlock, Alexander Berkman, Harry Spicer, Kennard Edwards, Alexander Baris, Holmes Burke.

Spring Fertilizers

Stored in our Warehouses by bag or ton, for Oats, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Corn, Berries, Peach Trees and General Trucking. Send your teams and orders along. Prompt attention.
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A SPRING BRIDE

Miss Mary Helen Smith and Mr. Albert Lawrence Massey United in Marriage

The marriage of Miss Mary Helen Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and Mr. Albert Lawrence Massey took place in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church on Thursday at one o'clock.

Before the appointed hour the church was well filled with friends of the contracting parties, and Miss Lena Pleasanton rendered selections upon the organ in a most delightful manner while the assemblege was gathering.

A few minutes after the appointed time, the strains from Lohengrin's wedding march announced the arrival of the bridal party, and a moment later the bride entered and passed up the main aisle preceded by little Miss Jessie Shepherd, as flower girl, and Miss Maud Angeline Smith, sister of the bride, as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Martha M. Scott, of Lewes, and Miss Florence D. Gill, of this town.

At the chancel rail the bridegroom and his best man, Mr. S. Emlin Massey, met the bridal party. The bride and groom approached the alter where the Rev. Alfred T. Scott and the Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., stood to receive them. At this sacred place were spoken the words which made them man and wife, a union which has the surroundings of a happy and useful life. The ring ceremony was used. The bride was gowned in white Paris muslin, trimmed with medallions, and carried bride's roses, while the maid of honor, Miss Maud Angeline Smith, was attired in pink silk muslin, and the bridesmaids, Misses Martha M. Scott and Florence D. Gill, were attired in white chiffon and carried pink carnations. The ushers were Messrs. T. Gilpin Massey, Edward Massey, Warren Ellicott and S. Tinley Scott.

At the close of the ceremony the wedding party retired in order, and many were the comments upon the loveliness of Mrs. Massey and the smile of satisfaction upon Mr. Massey's countenance.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on North Broad street.

The presents were numerous, elegant and useful.

The bride's travelling gown was of navy blue London twine, with hat to match.

Mr. Massey and his bride left on the 4.14 express for a bridal trip, and on their return will reside in Dover, where the groom is Secretary to State Treasurer Martin B. Burris.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

H. C. Clark visited Wilmington on Monday.

Edward Gam has returned from a visit to Wilmington.

J. B. Mahoney, of Kirkwood, visited W. H. Barnett on Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Pritchard entertained friends from Townsend on Sunday.

George Thompson, of Bowersville, was a guest of friends here on Sunday.

Mrs. Claren Barnett has returned from a week's visit to friends in Philadelphia.

Charles Rommel, of Pittsburg, Pa., was an over Sunday visitor at the manse.

Master George Stewart is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Cannon, in Delaware City.

Miss Lizzie Riley has returned home after spending several weeks in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Hahn, of Odessa, paid a visit to her son-in-law, James Gam, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crompton and son, Beryl, spent Sunday with relatives near Newark.

Miss Martha Sooy, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Sara Milligan.

Miss Olivia Paynter has returned to Philadelphia where she will remain for sometime.

Mrs. Sarah Cann entertained her son, George Cann and wife, of Delaware City, on Sunday.

Mrs. H. A. Dennison, of New Castle, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Gray.

Charles L. Smith, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents, H. C. Smith and wife on Sunday.

Henry Lester and family had as their guests on Sunday, Edward Lester and wife, of Middletown.

Miss Julia Paynter has returned home after spending a pleasant week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Walter Lynch and children, of Glasgow, spent Sunday with her parents, A. F. Truax and wife.

H. C. Buckson and wife attended the reception of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb, near Delaware City, on Wednesday evening.

Howard Milligan, of the Military Academy of Wilmington, spent several days last week with his parents, Rev. J. R. Milligan and wife.

Don't forget the "Lake" to be held this (Saturday) afternoon and evening at the residence of H. C. Gray, for the benefit of the M. E. Church.

Fifty members of National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., attended services at the M. E. Church on Sunday morning and listened to the fine sermon, delivered by the pastor, Rev. O. H. Martin.

The song service given by the choir of twenty voices in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening was very good indeed. It is their intention to give one the third Sunday evening in each month.

Miss Harriett Cannon gave an evening company on Friday in honor of her friend, Miss Anna Moore, of Wilmington. Quite a number were present and the time spent together was very enjoyable.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church held a meeting on Monday evening and decided to hold a strawberry festival in the near future.

CHANDLER IS DEPUTY

Collector of Port Robert G. Houston Thursday appointed William Chandler, of near White Clay hundred, to be deputy collector of port and inspector of customs to succeed B. B. Allen. He entered upon his duties yesterday and was assigned to duty at Marcus Hook.

It is understood that Mr. Allen, who is a Democrat, will appeal to the officials at Washington under the claim that he was subject to civil service rules but the collector of port who is a lawyer has looked into the matter and found that he has ample power authority to appoint all of his own deputies. This being the case he appointed Mr. Chandler to succeed Mr. Allen. The position pays three dollars a day.

Mr. Allen has held the position for several years having been appointed to succeed his father who died while in the office.

NEW TOWNSEND CHURCH

Immanuel to Have Its Dedication by Methodist Episcopalians on Sunday

Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church at Townsend, of which the Rev. J. H Beauchamp, D. D., is pastor, will be dedicated on Sunday. The programme will be as follows:

Morning Service—10.30 A. M.

Hymn..................Choir and Congregation.
Apostles Creed, standing
Prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer,
..........................Rev. G. P. Jones.
Responsive Reading,
..................Rev. T. F. Beauchamp.
Singing, Gloria Patria, standing.
Voluntary..................................Choir.
Scripture Lesson,
........Rev. R. Irving Watkins, D. D.
Announcements.........................Pastor.
Sermon.....Rev. Samuel MacBurney, D. D.
Solo...............Miss Anne Neal Dryden.
Collection...Rev. Samuel MacBurney, D.D.
Doxology and Benediction,
..........................Rev. G. P. Jones.

Afternoon Service—3 P. M.

Hymn..............Choir and Congregation.
Prayer...............Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D.
Solo................Miss Anne Neal Dryden.
Announcements..........................Pastor.
Voluntary..................................Choir.
Sermon..........................Rev. W. G. Koons.
Collection...Rev Samuel MacBurney, D. D.
Doxology and Benediction,
..........................Rev. C. K. Morris.

Evening Service—7.30 P. M.

Hymn..............Choir and Congregation.
Prayer.................Rev. T. F. Beauchamp.
Solo................Miss Anne Neal Dryden.
Sermon.....Rev. R. Irving Watkins, D. D.
Music..Choir.
Report of Building Committee.
Collection...Rev. Samuel MacBurney, D.D.
Dedicatory Service.
Doxology and Benediction
..........................Rev. W. G. Koons.

It is hoped to raise the money on Sunday to pay for the structure. More than half is already in hand.

H. K. McCabe is the local preacher and J. W. Atwell and B. G. Lockerman, are class leaders.

Following are the trustees, stewards, building committee and ushers:

Trustees—G. M. D. Hart, W. H. Money, W. A. Scott, D. B. Maloney, D. B. Jones, Winfield Lattomus, John R. Carpenter, W. E. Hart, I. R. Staats.

Stewards—D. B. Maloney, Dr. T. A. Enos, W. E. Hart, Richard Hodson, W. C. Money, M. B. Donovan, Mrs. Kate Atwell, Mrs. Sallie Taylor.

Building committee—G. M. D. Hart, W. A. Scott, D. Maloney, the Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, D. D.

Ushers—J. A. Hart, W. Hairman Reynolds, W. C. Money, Clarence Staats, W. E. Hart, L. L. Maloney.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Mr. Joseph H. Jones spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. George Stant is occupying his new blacksmith shop.

Mr. D. B. Jones has put a new fence in front of his residence.

Mr. Albert Watts, of Cecilton, Md., spent Sunday in Townsend.

Miss Katie Hutchinson visited Mrs. Evert Rose, of Odessa, last Sunday.

Miss Bessie Phillipi visited Mrs. Bessie Merritt, of Golts, Md., last Sunday.

Mr. Elmer Pritchard, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his father, I. P. Pritchard.

Mr. Harry Hart, of Philadelphia, visited his father, G. M. D. Hart, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Watts and infant son are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Shockley.

Mrs. Lottie Brockson, of Blackbird, and Mrs. Mattie Brockson, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. William B. Weldon this week.

Mrs. Harry Gill and son, Lee, accompanied by Mrs. James Wilson are visiting Mrs. Gill's father, Edward C. Collins, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	.78	Corn—	
No. 2	.76	Yellow, shelled	47
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	50
Clover Seed lb	10½c	Oats	50

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	13@15
Country Butter, per lb	22@26
Creamery Butter, per lb	30
Lard, per lb	12@15
Live Chickens, per lb	12@15
Potatoes, per basket	25@30

Men's Tailoring.

Have you ever tried our Made to Measure Department? Prices are not high. We have competent and paintaking cutters and tailors and guarantee good work. Some tailoring is so exclusively high in price, much tailoring so poor in quality and fit, that the man who wants good clothes at a moderate price appreciates good values and satisfactory work. This is the kind we try to give. Trousers $5 to $14. Sack Suits, $20 to $40. Dress Suits, $25 to $50. Special values in $20 and $25 Suits, $6.50 and $8.00 Trousers. An increased force enables us to hurry up orders.

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We claim for our clothing the greatest merit offered anywhere at the prices. Our stock comprises only the very newest, the most desirable garments yet these are marked decidedly less than you could buy the same elsewhere. We are offering some exceptionally good values—values it would be worth your while to take advantage of immediately.

Men's Dressy Spring Suits, $5.00

We are continuing the sale of these all-wool suits for men. This season's most stylish effects and colorings in eleven different styles. A few black thibets, in large sizes. Others of mixed cheviots and cassimeres. Not a suit in the lot worth less than $10. Our special price is $5.00.

Men's Nobby Suits, $7.50
Worth $10.00 and $12.00

An unusually attractive lot in differant styles of materials. Swell four button Sack Coat and perfect fitting Trousers. Such value as this is rarely met with under $10.00. Some stores ask $12.00 for the same grade, and the suits are worth it $7.50

Men's Fine Suits, $10.00
Really Worth $15.00

Just like finding a five dollar note—you can't get a suit like it for less than $15.00 outside this store. There is qyite an extensive assortment of plain and fancy Cheviots and Worsteds here for your selection, and the coats are in both single and double breasted styles. Also some in black Thibets..$10.00

Men's Stylish Sack Suits at $12.50

Never did a style so suddenly spring into favor as this brown striped unfinished worsted mixture of gold and blue. We didn't know, ourselves, how beautiful it is. Four button blunt corner coat lined with mohair serge. We are especially anxious to have you notice how the broad shoulders are shaped, and to examine the way the tailoring is done.

Children's Suits, $2.00
Regularly $3.00

Cheviots, Cassimeres and Worsteds in a great range of plain and fancy effects. Blouse, Norfolk and double-breasted styles, and they are all handsomely trimmed. A grade that would be considered very good value at $3.00—your choice for $2.00.

Children's Suits, $2.00
Actual $4.00 Values

Very nobby blouse, double-breasted and Norfolk styles in the latest plain and novelty effects. Just the kind that delight the youngsters—they are so manly-looking, and they are built especially for all kinds of hard usage. And the price is only..........................$2.00

Children's Suits, $3.00
Really worth $5.00

Here's a great value for you in the remarkably fine lot of blue Serge and fancy Worsted Suits for boys. Norfolk, blouse and double-breasted styles, and the workmanship, fit and finish are of a grade usually found in much higher-priced suits..........................$3.00

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ANNIVERSARY DAYS

Oak Hall is celebrating its Forty-second Anniversary this month.

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JOHN OF DISAPPOINTMENT

BY EDWARD STRATTON HOLLOWAY

THE beginnings of this romance were distinctly conventional.

There is little doubt that Joyce yawned—though the sunlit sea lay at her feet, though the sea and the dunes with their waving salt-grass, dearer to her than any uplifted mountains or expanse of green, stretched their entrancing lines away to the horizon.

A month ago, with white face upon scarcely whiter pillow, these things had seemed Heaven to Joyce. They were that, but—sometimes it was a lonely Heaven. Just over the dunes nestled a little hotel; about it a dozen cottages. Their occupants were well enough, and Joyce's sympathies were wide. But they were not quite of Joyce's world; her interests were not theirs. To none of them could she look for real companionship.

Joyce was bored.

The speck far down the beach upon which her gaze had been resting, grew into a figure—an unfamiliar figure her eyes, unseeing before, now noted. Soon, swinging along the hard sand at the water's edge, he passed by. There was an individual fitness about his clothes and strength and power about the man. He struck inland toward the little hotel.

After dinner he was presented. It was perfectly conventional, tiresomely uninteresting. He had found one of a slight acquaintance with them both. The world is dismally small, and romance is a tottering dame, her best days done.

He inquired whether she ever heard the names of those presented to her; he admitted that he had not caught hers, and so would have to ask it afresh. His own—his rugged features smiled—he was sure she had not grasped; perhaps when she heard it she would be quite willing to unknow both it and him; it was Hodcaster—John Hodcaster, plain and unredeemed. Yes, oh, yes, it was a good old name—could one forgive its immortal ugliness—and, forgiving, forget.

They chatted comfortably a few moments, and then, as she was joined by others, he lit a thick Egyptian cigarette and disappeared over the dunes between herself and the beach. She saw him no more that night.

Evidently, to him the sea was yet sufficient.

The next morning Hodcaster tramped down the beach after a breakfast disposed of with business-like celerity. Flannels had been discarded for white ducks and cigarettes for a very stubby bulldog pipe. About noon he came back by way of the bay—in a twenty-foot catboat, rented to him by the week at the larger resort a few miles below.

In the afternoon began his real acquaintance with Joyce Middleton. With Mrs. Bray—who was "of an age"—for chaperon, they tried the sailing qnalities of the "Duck."

He had put his request to the ladies very nicely, and he added to Joyce, as the older went for her wrap, "One imagines sometimes that another will care for certain things. I should fancy you were fond of dancing—and a boat.

Why? asked Joyce, surprised.

I may tell you, sometime, he laughed. I cannot ask you for the one—now; the pavilion doesn't appear to have been thought of by the proprietors here. But I am glad you will try the other with me. Was I right?

As to my liking? Yes, both, she answered simply. I think they go together. I am fond of any kind of motion.

Which was why, he said, quizzically, as Mrs. Bray rejoined them.

I feel flattered, Hodcaster observed, as he tied the triple-reef knots, that neither of you has asked me if it is safe, and it is a pretty stiff sea for sailing, too.

One imagines sometimes that another can do certain things, Joyce laughed back.

His eyes sparkled as he joined in her merriment at the quick turning of his own phrase. He grasped the tiller, and the "Duck" heeled down as the wind took her sail.

Joyce perched happily on the portable seat she fitted over the rail to windward, and looked down at Mrs. Bray on the cushions. The wind was whistling a small gale, and the "Duck" raced along, her lee beam half under water.

Seven miles across here, said Hodcaster. Except for the shortness of the waves it's as good as outside on most days. We head across in a moment; then we'll get some spray. Hold up those oilskins there or you'll get well sprinkled. Here we go! The tiller went to port.

Defiant of spray sat Joyce. A bucketful came aboard over the cabin roof. It took Joyce fairly, above the oilskins, and she laughed with enjoyment as the salt water streamed down her face.

Isn't it glorious! You ought to be up here, Mrs. Bray, instead of down there sheltered by the cabin. You aren't half a good sailor.

Hodcaster looked up at her. The wet strands of her hair clung to her cheeks, brown but still a little thin; her eyes were sparkling; she swayed easily to the motion of the boat.

Such company as this was worth while.

Something broke loose forward.

Look out for the boom! He jammed the "Duck" up in the wind. In an instant she was beside him, her hand on the tiller. He nodded appreciatively and sprang forward. The loose halyard was soon secured and cleated.

You can handle her. Want to?

She smiled and again laid the boat to her course. Great fun! isn't it?

When she was tired—for she was not yet strong—he took the "Duck" in hand again, and so over the wide rush of water they sped across, and back to the little landing.

It was a blown and besprinkled and happy Joyce who gave Hodcaster her thanks as she went up to dress.

II.

You know the girl in the moon, I suppose? They were sitting, ten evenings later, upon a big spar washed up by the tide.

Oh, yes; she's an old flame, he replied laughing. She is beautiful, with her medallion-like face. And to think that the ugly outline of the nose of the man in the moon forms her beautiful profile! Did you ever think, too, she said, that while it is so beautiful, you cannot exactly trace its outline?

Probably that's part of the beauty—mystery, you know. It's what we can't quite make out, can't entirely fathom, that leads us on. We're never quite at the end—it is never exhausted. Thank God, there are a few such things!

He had begun laughingly, but a lilt of enthusiasm touched his voice at the end.

Yes, she said. There are such things. Her tone was dreamy, and, as she looked out over the lit water, he wondered what such things she had found. He would learn some day, maybe, he thought.

Under his breath he added, For love, and beauty, and delight there is no death nor change.

But she heard and started. Ah, you know Shelley, too. Their might— she went on. Yes, might. They are the mightiest things of all.

Except, maybe, power. And there is power in those.

She turned half toward him. He sat easily, at rest; but, as he had spoken, his firm hand had grasped his knee. He looked as if he knew what power meant, also.

They were silent a moment.

I found her first—the moon-lady—by the crown of her hair, he said presently, years ago. When I first heard of her I couldn't see her—could see nothing but his honor the man, with his broad face like a pumpkin-lantern, till a girl I knew told me to look for his honor's eyebrow. That she said, is her hair—or the tip of it. I laughed, but her recipe was a good one. It was rather prophetic, too, of a small trait of mine. The first thing I see about a beautiful woman, nowadays, is her hair.

Suppose she isn't beautiful, and suppose it is red. She laughed at him.

Or suppose she has both beauty and the red-gold crown! he threw out quickly.

She shrugged her shoulders expressively.

I have often wondered if I should ever meet one who looked like the moon-lady—who carried her head so dearly, and so queen-like. She must be walking this earth somewhere! he said presently. If I did, my freedom would be gone. At last I should love—for keeps. He shook his head with mock lugubriousness. But if I did, I feel she would never return it—would never accept the charming name of Hodcaster.

How sad that would be! She masked her smile and matched his own mournful mien. To watch the moon-lady year after year, from Luna's second quarter even to the end of her third; to walk the streets seeking a crown of beautiful hair (red, did you say?), a queenly head, only to have it look down on its subject. How that would be sad! But I am quoting a modern play—where she was forsaken. That would be the likely ending.

But he protested.

No, that was in 'far Japan.' Those days are done—here. It is the woman who wins. The man weeps, only metaphorically. He usually expresses his emotion—well, in unprintable language.

Always, she laughed, when he doesn't get his own dear way.

Yes; man's way is dear to men—to a man. He expects to get it. He spoke quietly, but in his tone was power, inflexible will—and an unreasoning panic took her.

They are singing at the hotel. Let us go up, she said quickly.

III.

It was a month later, and out of a sky of purple gray, above a sea of turquoise, the moon was again showing its upper golden rim.

It will be beautiful on the bay to-night. Will you try it with me?

She hesitated an instant. I am sorry bnt I cannot.

His face showed his disappointment and annoyance.

I—I promised to go down the beach with Mr. Chittick to-night.

His jaw dropped in amazement.

With Chittick! It was absurd!

Certainly. Her chin lifted; her manner forbade further questioning.

But Chittick! Oh, Lord! He gave a short laugh, then turned on his heel. He stopped, looked back, then laughed again. You will have a delightful evening. He raised his cap and was off.

As he passed the tip of the dune his stick cut the air savagely. A spurt of sand and salt-grass followed. Hodcaster was bitterly angry.

She was to go down the beach. He turned in the opposite direction.

An hour later a coast-guard four miles up the beach lifted his eyes in as much surprise as he allowed himself to see one of the "hotel men" stalking up the beach alone, at Hodcaster's rate of speed.

He walked a mile further, slackened at once, and came back—more slowly.

A half-mile above the hotel he realized his weariness. He glanced down. The sand was still wet from the heavy afternoon shower.

Oh, where is that—? Somewhere along here. Yes, there it is.

He made for the little tumble-down pavilion nearly hidden among the dunes. The house to which it belonged stood further back, blank-windowed and deserted. The pavilion was not an inviting place. Here he would be alone.

As he reached its entrance he came upon a girlish figure with her head bowed upon her hands. She shrank back into the shadows.

Joyce!

There was no reply.

Forgive me. I forgot myself.

It doesn't matter, she answered wearily.

But it does—and I am sorry. He glanced about uneasily. It's hardly safe—your coming here alone. I wish you wouldn't—again.

She rose. I got rid of Mr. Chittick. My head is racking. I'm going back. No, I'll go alone. I prefer it.

But he was patient now.

Don't hold malice, Joyce. He moved to her side.

She shrank away.

He was deeply cut, and his quick temper rose again.

What is the matter of late? You act abominably! You shrink away if I but come near you! The words poured out; he grasped her arm roughly.

She was on fire in an instant.

Let me go. I hate you!

He clutched her two hands and crushed them in his.

And I love you—every atom of you—soul and body and spirit. Can't you see, Joyce!

She burst into a storm of tears and sank back upon the bench. He dropped her hands and was on his knees.

Forgive me. I love you. I ask you to be my wife——

Don't, she moaned. Then it has been all useless—and I have tried to stop this—so hard. I was going away in the morning train, before any one was up. My trunk is packed and was to follow.

What!

I had written a letter to leave for you. I am to marry—someone else.

There was a groan of agony from his lips, then a storm.

You shall not. I love you. No one shall take you from me. His voice broke, in pain, in longing, in wonder. Don't you love me, Joyce? It was a cry for mercy.

Her own pain, remorse, stifled her.

God forgive me—for—this; but, though—I—led—you on at first, I meant no harm. I liked you, and there was no one here. I was alone, ill, weary. I have tried to show you lately, and I was going away. I should have told you—I see it now—told you at first; but it seemed so awkward, so unnecessary.

He shook his head.

Joyce, the concealment of her engagement by a dangerously beautiful woman is—a crime.

She quailed at his words, but still tried to excuse.

But, I could not—somehow. Your friendship——

Friendship! It was love from the beginning. I had dreamed of you for years. You were my 'moon-lady,' didn't you know? And not a night but I have blessed God for leading me to you at last. It was Fate—no, God's own providence. He must have meant it in that way, or why did He bring us together? I never doubted. You do love me, Joyce? The other is all a mistake—to be broken off—cast out of your life——

Her sobs had ceased.

I honor you. You are the best man I know—the dearest friend I have ever had. If I had met you first, I might have— No. I love him.

Through her pain came the unmistakable ring of perfect truth. That truth struck him like a blow.

Then it is all over! He passed his hand across his forehead bewildered.

She touched his arm, hesitatingly.

Don't. Your very touch thrills me, and I have lost you! He wheeled upon har. Where is he? What is he doing to leave you unprotected? What kind of man——?

Hush. His absence has been the greatest trial to him. He is in the far West—on a critical piece of work—with three hundred men under him. He cannot leave. Lance——

He drew back.

Lance Wilmerding. You know him!

Yes. That the cup may be filled to the brim. I used to know him well.

Used?

Yes. We spent four years of college life together. But time makes changes. He went West—I to New York. We seldom met, have not seen each other for years.

He leaned against the rail, wearily.

She rose. They moved away silently. He opened his lips once, then closed them. There was nothing more to say, for this was the end.

The hotel was dark save for the dim light in the misty corridor.

At the steps she turned and gave him her hand.

He took it for a moment, then wrenched himself away. Her faint footfall went along the corridor—was lost on the stairs. All was silence.

He said, And I have never even kissed her hand.

IV.

A year had passed, and John Hodcaster stood upon the banks of the broad Mississippi.

It was at a point where a great railroad bridge was to be built, one of the feats of modern engineering.

Hodcaster, called from the East to give an expert's opinion upon the project, viewed the low banks, the treacherous currents.

His only remark was "U-um." He then sought out the oldest inhabitant of that section.

They tell me, said Hodcaster, after a few minutes' conversation, that you've been here for years, but if you don't talk as if you came from old York State, I never ate a Greene County apple.

Josiah Pratt held out a firm, toil-hardened hand: "Shake."

And it was with genuine pleasure that Hodcaster "shook." He rested his hands on the split-rail fence against which Pratt reposed, and lightly seated himself as he talked. Presently he leaned over Pratt's shoulder and laughed. It was mighty near the New England line, you know. Do you ever have pie for breakfast?

Pratt jumped, but quickly subsided.

Used ter. But not fer years now. But why not! Betsy'll be only to glad. To-morrer, sure. Y'll stay with us?

Glad to—and possibly I can throw something in your way, too. By-the-way, did the other fellow who was here about the bridge ask you about the river?

Pratt shook his head.

Funny—that. And you ferryman here for more than forty years. I was going to say you must know her tricks better than the river does herself; but I guess I was off there.

You surely wuz, emphatically.

John Hodcaster, with sounding line, with instruments, spent two days with Josiah Pratt on that river and about its shores. Not a shifting of the channel, not a washed-out bank, not an important flood in the last forty years but John Hodcaster had it at his finger-tips when he bade them goodby.

He had enjoyed every moment of the time, and Josiah and Betsy had found a new youth.

And John Hodcaster had returned to New York sincerely doubtful if a bridge could be built at that point. He made his report on the only plan offering a possibility of success, and with plans, specifications, and preliminary estimates, expressed it to the company.

His duty was done—as he saw it then.

V.

Lance, dear, what is it troubles you to-night? asked Joyce Wilmerding. You aren't yourself. She slipped an arm about her husband's shoulder.

He pushed back the litter of correspondence, memoranda and plans covering his desk, and leaned back in the big chair. His fingers toyed with a pair of dividers.

It's the big bridge matter, Joyce.

Let it go for to-night.

Oh, it isn't the actual work—I'm only verifying some things here. It's the question as to whether I get the contract at all or not. There are some features in the management of the matter which rather puzzle me.

Why, I thought it was pretty certain that you were to get it.

I know. So it seemed. I've done all the 'D., Q. & C.' big work, and some of it's been among the very biggest in the country of late years; but the Mississippi bridge is bigger yet—it is colossal; and the difficulties at that point are enormous. Sit down, Joyce. He swung around on the revolving chair. You see, they were perfectly satisfied with my report; but, just at the end of the meeting (I was congratulating myself that it bid fair to slip through without their thinking of it,) one of the directors suggested that before the matter were closed it was only wise to have a confirmation, and, of course, competing estimates.

Well, I didn't think much of it, as I had done all their work, but, confound it! Serrill is no fool, and while he was about it he wired to New York to the only other company in America that could touch this job.

Joyce flared up hotly. That was despicable!

Her husband smiled. No. It was only good business. I'd have done the same myself, of course. It isn't that part of it; it's the manner in which their president has acted that puzzles me. Hodcaster reports—what's the matter, Joyce?

N-nothing. I pricked my finger on this instrument. Go on.

He reports that if I put up the bridge according to my plans it will go to pieces at the next flood.

What! Joyce swung around with sympathetic resentment.

Wilmerding nodded.

What—what does he mean?

He shrugged his shoulders. There's no denying, Joyce, that both river-bed and banks are horribly treacherous. I wouldn't touch the place if there were a better, but for miles each way it is worse. That is the only available spot, and the road must cross there. All its planning, its purchasing of right of-way, the surveying, have been done with this in view. Necessity demands it. It will be the biggest road across the continent—open up whole stretches of country. Besides, it is practically an air-line and shortens time 'way below the regular schedule. That is the only place for the bridge.

But I never knew there was risk!

Wilmerding laughed. Oh, there's always risk, but we don't count that. It's the sporting instinct. Big game isn't in it with big bridges. Still, I believe I'm right. No one can tell, of course, till the excavations are made, just what kind of foundations we shall find; but I went into it all most carefully. That's what I've been going over to-night—all my memoranda taken on the spot.

He was silent a moment—then finished. But I don't like Hodcaster's action. We used to be good friends, but this looks to me as if he were trying to discredit me and my work.

Well, let it all go for to-night, he added wearily.

It was many hours before Joyce Wilmerding found rest.

VI.

The theologians' dictum, that even unpremeditated evil brings its sure retribution, does not seem so far astray.

Among the items entering into Joyce Wilmerding's punishment was suspense and suspense in vital matters is a killing thing. To the Wilmerdings the Mississippi bridge was vital.

The loss of the contract meant the loss of an enormous patronage, the loss of his prestige as perhaps the foremostman in his profession. The holding of it, the successful completion of the work, meant the triumphant vindicatoin of his judgment, an international reputation, affluence for life.

And all this, Joyce Wilmerding felt, she had imperilled.

From a certain secretiveness of nature, reserve, courageous bearing of her own burdens, faithfulness to John Hodcaster's secret—what you will—perhaps all of these—she had, before her marriage, never mentioned her acquaintance with him. When his name, as her husband's business rival, came as a sudden blow, her first impulse was a denial of that acquaintance by her silence; following that, came, with her quick woman's wit, an instant insight into the far-reaching possibilities of that acquaintance.

She saw that to mention it now would at once awaken her husband's suspicions and give a motive for Hodcaster's action; would further embitter the two men and do no good. But the keeping from him of a secret of such importance, the possibility of discovery now or later, the daily-developing consequences, harried her by day and forbade sleep at night.

And during this suspense Joyce fell seriously ill. She rallied from weakness to find the matter still unsettled; for, for this contract Lance Wilmerding was making the fight of his life. Every influence he could command was brought to bear upon the company.

His wife once suggested that he again explore most thoroughly the proposed site for the bridge, seeing if some better plan would not reveal itself. He resented the suggestion. Even should he find such a plan, could he admit to the company that he had needed to be taught his business by another? No; he must stand or fall by what he had done.

Once Wilmerding came home and said,

I met Hodcaster to day.

For a moment Joyce's heart stopped beating.

It was on the steps of the Company's building, he went on grimly. He was perfectly polite—Hodcaster always was a gentleman in manner and I used to think in feeling—but he was deadly cold. I don't quite see why—I have done nothing. I must acknowledge that for the second the sight of his face drove away all the past weeks, and the old days came back in a heap. I think they did with him, too, for he grasped my hand heartily; but instantly the light died out of his eyes. We stopped but a moment: it was too painful—to meet an old friend that way.

Here it was again.

One of her problems, her griefs, had been John Hodcaster's attitude. At first she had tried to convince herself that it had been but the impersonal rivalry of two men of business. But his report of the worthlessness of her husband's plans refuted that. Her loyalty and faith in his ability forbade her to believe any such thing. Enmity was evident.

Yet her faith in John Hodcaster was almost equal to that in her husband. She prided herself on her ability to read character, and if any man possessed a noble nature she believed that man to be John Hodcaster. With wearisome reiteracy she went over the old problem.

The next day Lance Wilmerding came home, broken, and the picture of peace and mother love that met his eyes as he pushed open the door only added to his dejection.

John Hodcaster had secured the prize.

And this, said Wilmerding, is the way he secured it. He told the railroad that he doubted if a bridge could be built at that point. He offered to undertake the foundations—exclusively at his own personal risk and expense. If he succeeded, his company would make a contract for the completion of the work; the railroad then also reimbursing him for the cost of the foundations. If he failed, they lost nothing—he bore the expense. They were pleased with his 'frankness,' and his offer, and gave him the work. He knows in his heart there is no risk! or do you suppose a business man would make such a contract? He is a scoundrel!

VII.

Here follows the true story of John Hodcaster's connection with the Mississippi bridge.

After he had sent in his report to the railroad company he began to think.

It commenced by his pitying Wilmerding. He was undoubtedly an able man; he had done work of which anyone might be proud; but he was a little cocksure, a little obstinate. He had never "monkeyed" with the Mississippi, and he had not spent just those two days with Josiah Pratt. Wilmerding's plan was utter impracticable. It meant disastrous failure, the possible sacrifice of many lives—of Wilmerding's own.

He sat up straight in his chair. Joyce's husband! Ah—Joyce.

Then his eyes gleamed.

An awful temptation came upon him in its mightiness. Words—her words recalled themselves. If I had met you first, I might perhaps—— Every vein swelled with future triump. He would come to his own!

He fell back into his chair, limp.

He was willing the death of a man that he might have his wife!

Beneath his tumbled hair the drops stood out upon his forehead.

But presently the shock had spent itself. He had nothing to do with the matter. He had done his duty. He had made a report to the railroad. If, on top of that, they choose to give the work to Wilmerding, it was none of his affair. That was where it belonged. He had done all the "D., Q. & C." work. Why had they brought himself into the matter? It was none of his seeking. He was but looking out for his own safety. Let Wilmerding do the same.

The temptation was back in all its force. And it stayed.

At times he could not believe it to be a temptation. He laughed at his own squeamishness. He was a sentimental fool! What had he to do with Lance Wilmerding?

Or his wife? whispered that thing within.

Then it was all to go over anew, for hard-headed, business-like, capable, as he was, John Hodcaster was possessed of that blessed and that cursed thing—imagination.

He could see them all — the consequences of either course—clearer than you or I can see them. He was desperate. He would even have gone to Wilmerding, frankly, so far as the bridge was concerned. But without divulging his motives, his love for Joyce (impossible thing!), his action would be resented with a bitter resentment.

So the weeks passed. By day he could forget his problem—sometimes; but night often found him beneath the stars. He searched his consciousness for something he felt lay hidden there—dim, intangible. At last he had it. If he could but see Joyce! She, the source of his problem, would be also its solution! All his difficulty—his questioning—would melt away would cease, could he but see her. His decision would be made. If it were made in one way, he would need to see her—to bid her farewell. But she should never know.

Two nights later, after a journey across half a continent, he stood beneath a window and looked within.

Before him was a cosey retreat. As he looked within, a nurse with snowy cap passed close at hand, then moved on into the hall beyond.

The lamplight fell full on Wilmerding standing by a table. By him sat Joyce, bending anxiously over a child on the couch—Joyce's child.

A sob caught him in the throat; he had never known of this.

He raised his head. Joyce was bending lower, peering into the little face; her own was strained, full of care. Lance laid his hand over hers, and they faced each other with a smile each tried to make brave, helpful.

John Hodcaster turned away. His soul was purified.

The next morning he called at the offices of the railroad company. It was upon the steps that he met Wilmerding coming away. He entered and made the proposal which put the work irrevocably into his own hands. Quixotic? He had counted the cost. It meant the imperiling of his entire personal fortune—to the last cent. Would he do that? Would he! He was exultant. It was for Joyce!

Wilmerding, at the least, would be saved from ignominious failure—perhaps from——

But John Hodcaster turned away in sadness of soul.

VIII.

Hodcaster and Josiah Pratt stood upon the mass of masonry forming the abutment to the western approach of what was to be the great Mississippi bridge. About its base, as dark as the night above, twisted the snake-like currents of the river. Inch by inch, foot after foot, for three days had the waters crept up the masonry.

The long rains now ceased, and masses of cloud, torn by the blast, drove across the sky.

Out there—beyond—in mid-stream, invisible save for the red, warning lights of danger, stood the great central caisson. It stood yet, thank God! almost engulfed, Hodcaster knew, by the rising waste of waters; yet still it stood. Possibly it might yet be saved.

He turned to Pratt. Come on.

Battling with the cutting wind they went back along the approach; past the long sidings where stood train after train of flat cars laden with stone, past the stacks of piling, the enormous derricks, and came among the flaring lights, the swarms of workmen.

In the little protected dock lay the compact tug used for towing lighters—her engines of enormous power. She was ready for use and her "chuck! chuck!" gave way to the hiss of escaping steam. As Hodcaster swung his lantern, the light flashed along the pilot where ran the letters—the "Duck."

With Pratt he stepped aboard. Fifty workmen, hesitating, dubious, went on and the foreman followed. The lines cast off, and the screw involved, the tug turned almost directly up stream. Slowly she fought her way; at length the caisson loomed abeam. The bell sounded, the engines ceased throbbing; she was allowed to drift a moment, then the throb renewed, she was brought alongside, a hawser cast over the projecting piles. Hodcaster took in the scene with dismay. He turned to his men: Stay where you are. He stepped back to leap on the piling. Pratt was at his side. He laid a detaining hand upon the latter's shoulder and bent toward him.

Remember Betsy. I have no one.

He leaped alone.

With his lantern he made his way cautiously. He could scarcely believe his judgement. Uplifted houses, urrooted trees, borne by the relentless river, had crashed into the caisson, snapping timbers into matchwood, grinding and wrenching the bolted woodwork. The upper work alone had suffered. The caisson stood firm. His work was good.

Hodcaster gave a cheer. His men came out on the caisson. Then followed the quick command, the ready obedience of disciplined men falling to as in a charge against the foe. Massive braces were rapidly constructed and placed, and the woodwork forced back into position.

As the dawn came the caisson was secure. Hoycaster knew himself master of the Mississippi.

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